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MACHINERY PLANTS INTRODUCED NEW METHODS;
ENHANCED MACHINERY OUTPUT

MOSCOW PLANT IMPROVES AIR COMPRESSOR PARTS -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 70, 25 Mar 49

The Moscow "Berets" Plant has recently received from its workers and put into practice many suggestions for improving the plant's efficiency and accelerating the turnover of working capital.

Last year, high-speed methods of processing were used only on steel parts. This year, however, workers have been applying high-speed method to parts made of cast iron, amounting to 65 percent of the entire program. Since January, 58 different cast-iron parts are processed at the speed of 120 - 180 meters per minute, instead of 40 - 50 meters as before.

The plant has improved its production of air compressor parts. Defects in compressor cylinders made in the foundry have been lowered to 5 percent. Through improving the quality of cast iron, defects in the production of basic air compressor parts have been almost entirely eliminated.

This plant also regularly produces chains.

SELF-PROPELLED TRANSPORTER DEVELOPED -- Morskoy Flot, No 40, 30 May 49

A self-propelled transporter designed for handling barrels and boxes has been developed in the port of Leningrad. The transporter is equipped with an automobile engine, which supplies the motive force, and an electric motor.

NEW TEXTILE MACHINE DESIGNED -- Komсомол'skaya Pravda, No 57, 10 Mar 49

The Orlov Textile Machinery Plant has designed and built a new textile machine, a high-speed combing flyer for low-count yarn. The work was completed in 5 months, instead of the 1 1/2 to 2 years allotted.

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LENINGRAD PLANT PRODUCES OBSOLESCEENT SHOE MACHINES -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 116, 19 May 49

The Leningrad "Vypered" Plant produces shoe-making machinery used in all parts of the USSR. It is the unanimous opinion of those who use these machines that they are obsolescent. Only two of the 12 types of machines built by the plant are of new design. A few of the other machines have been modernized since the war.

KHABAROVSK PLANT MEETS 5-MONTH PLAN -- Tikhoocheanskaya Zvezda, No 102, 1 May 49

The Khabarovsk Plant imeni Kaganovich successfully completed the 5-month plan for both gross and finished goods production in honor of May Day. The plant has considerably accelerated the turnover of working capital in the last 4 months and has released 2,045,000 rubles to the State, exceeding the plan by 70.4 percent. Labor productivity has increased 37.5 percent over 1948 and has exceeded the plan by 23.5 percent. Production costs have decreased 22.3 percent.

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